

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION:** 8-F-15

**SUBMITTED BY:** The American Legion, Department of Michigan

**SUBJECT:** Amend Department Bylaws, Article V, Section 3, subsection f

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**WHEREAS,** The American Legion Annual Membership Workshop is held more than thirty (30) days past the Department of Michigan's Annual Convention; and

**WHEREAS,** The second meeting of the Department Executive Committee could be held the day prior to departure or the day after returning from, the Annual National Membership Workshop in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 3, subsection f, paragraph 2, currently states: *"The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) annual meeting is known as the Thirty (30) Day Meeting and may be held within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of Convention. The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) meeting is to be held in September or October after the adjournment of the National Convention and be known as the Fall Conference to provide for Schools of Instruction for Commanders, Adjutants, Service Officers, or other topics. The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) meeting, to be known as the Winter Meeting, is to be held within the first three (3) months of the year. Dates and locations of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) meetings will be determined at a minimum of two (2) years in advance by the Department Executive Committee when in Fall Conference assembled, upon the recommendations of the Permanent Time and Place Committee."* (Amended August 5, 1951, July 18, 1965, July 20, 1969, July 16, 1972; July 20, 1975; July 17, 2006); now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Fall Meeting assembled in Lansing, Michigan, September 18-20, 2015, that the Department Executive Committee recommend to amend the Department Constitution and Bylaws at the 2016 Annual Convention, Article V, Section 3, subsection f, paragraph 2, to read: *"The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) annual meeting shall meet within forty-five (45) days and no more than fifty-five (55) days, of the adjournment of the Department Annual Convention provided, however, that the Department Commander shall have authority to extend said forty-five (45) days period for sufficient reasons to him/her appearing, upon approval of the Department Executive Committee. The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) meeting is to be held in September or October after the adjournment of the National Convention and be known as the Fall Conference to provide for Schools of Instruction for Commanders, Adjutants, Service Officers or other topics. The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) meeting, to be known as the Winter Meeting, is to be held within the first three (3) months of the year. Dates and locations of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) meetings will be determined one (1) year in advance by the Department Executive Committee when in Fall Conference assembled, upon the recommendations of the Permanent Time and Place Committee"; and, be it finally*

**RESOLVED,** That appropriate edits be made to the Department Executive Committee Rules of Procedure if this amendment is passed.